ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

ASCS Farm Program Administrators Are Reviewing Agriculture Policy at D.C. Meeting - State Committees and State Directors of the ASCS are reviewing Federal farm programs and the role of American Agriculture in the U.S. and the world at a conference in Washington September 12-14. About 170 farmers who serve on the ASCS State Committees plus State Directors are expected to attend.

ASCS Administrator Ray Fitzgerald explains "we want our employees and the full-time farmers who serve on our committees to know more about the legislative, administrative, and policy-making processes which affect Federal farm programs and agriculture in general". "Through this conference, our program administrators will be able to discuss policies and goals with top officials in the Department of Agriculture, the State Department, the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of the Special Trade Representative, as well as the White House. In this way, they will learn firsthand the background for Administration policies affecting agriculture."

The last National meeting for State Committees and Directors was held in 1974. State Committees composed of farmers appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture work with full-time State Directors to administer Federal farm programs in their states. Locally elected committees of farmers and full-time staffs run the programs in about 2,700 counties.

Feed Grain, Soybean Program Comments Invited - The public has until October 10 to submit ideas and comments on the 1979 feed grains and soybeans programs to the ASCS office. Comments need to be received by the October deadline because most of the final determinations are to be made by November 15.

Interested persons should comment on such items as whether barley and oats should be included in the feed grains program; whether there should be a set-aside requirement and a land diversion program, and if so, the extent of such provisions. Comments may also concern the amount of the National program acreage, the reduction required, if any, from previous year's harvested acreage to guarantee target price protection of total planted acreage, loan and purchase levels for the 1979 crops of corn sorghum, barley, oats, and rye, including commodity eligibility, storage requirements, premiums and discounts.

For soybeans, comments should include the loan and purchase levels for the 1979 crop, including commodity eligibility, storage requirements, premiums and discounts.

Mail comments to the acting director, Production Adjustment Division, ASCS, USDA, Room 3630, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Untied Burley Tobacco Eligible For Price Support - Appomattox County producers interested in selling unties bales of burley tobacco may apply for price support. Previously, untied burley was classified "No Grade" and was ineligible for price support.

A limited quantity of 1978-crop burley tobacco will be sold in untied bales as a crop marketing experiment. Producers interested in marketing untied burley this year may apply now through September 30 at the ASCS office.

Burley tobacco growers must certify that all bales to be delivered for price support and official grading in a single lot will be of similar quality; the tobacco will be stalk-cured; will not contain foreign netter; and will not be nested. Nesting is the concealing of foreign material or interior tobacco inside the bale.

Producers must comply with certifications in order to be eligible for grading and price support on baled tobacco and for price support on any tobacco produced on their farm. "Warehouse operators will be required to open a representative bale in each lot of tobacco for inspection by a department grader."

For more details on the price support program for untied burley tobacco, contact the ASCS office.

FIDELITY AMERICAN BANK FIRST IN STATE IN LOANS TO FARMERS

Fidelity American Bank has been notified by the American Bankers Association that it is now first in the state of Virginia in lending to farmers.

Nationally, Fidelity has risen 15 places and ranks 67th in agricultural loans among the country's approximately 14,000 commercial banks. Each year, ABA tabulates the call reports of all banks as of December 31 and issues a special report on the top 100 U. S. banks in farm loans.

The report for Fidelity covers loans made by the bank's Lynchburg operation and its 13 branches in Central and Southside Virginia.

County Line

Mrs. Hudson Mann, sister-in-law of Mr. Courtney Mann, was buried at Central Baptist Church on Tuesday. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and loved ones.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Nash. It's a boy, born Saturday morning, September 9, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Mullins visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nelson Mann fell and broke two bones in her foot. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Lulu Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann were Mrs. Georgia Lacks, of Roanoke, Rev. Danny Penny of Durlam,N.C., Mr. Warren Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Covington and Mrs. Laura Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker, Lenis and Cheryl Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Zimo Zimmerman attended the Southside Electric Cooperative meeting on Saturday at Crewe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tucker, of Morristown, Tenn., visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker visited Mr. and Mrs. Edd Collins and Eric on Sunday, Sept. 3rd.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash were Mr. Robert Guill and friends, of Richmond, Mrs. Omah Seay, Debra and Tracy, Mrs. Faye Archer and Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mrs. Richard Nash had lunch with Mrs. Nettie McCormick of Appomattox on Friday.

Mr. Billy Reynolds, Mr. Luther Reynolds and boys, Tony Mann and Dawn Kerr visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. David Carson and Susan were supper guests in this home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash and Wendy attended the Babcock & Wilcox picnic at Lakeside Sunday.

Keith, Tony and Mike Mann and Phillip Banton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn Sunday. Mrs. Jimmy Howard and children visited in this home Sunday night.

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Procedural Safeguards For Handicapped Children

The Appomattox County School Board shall afford an opportunity to parents to inspect and review all educational records with respect to the identification, evaluation and educational placement of the child and with respect to the appropriateness of the free education provided the child.

Upon request of the parent, information shall be provided about where an independent educational evaluation may be obtained. The parent shall have the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation of the child at public expense if the parent disagrees with an evaluation by the local education agency. Whenever an independent evaluation is at public expense, the criteria under which the evaluation is obtained, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner, must be the same as the criteria which the local education agency uses when it initiates an evaluation. The independent evaluation shall not be at public expense when the evaluation by the local educaiton agency is determined appropriate following a hearing.

The results of the independent evaluation shall be considered by the local education agency in any decision made with respect to the provisions of a free appropriate public education to the child. Information from the independent evaluation may be presented as evidence at a hearing.

If changes are anticipated regarding the placement or educational program of a handicapped child, the local educaiton agency shall give the parent written notice within a reasonable time prior to making changes. This shall apply to the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the child and the provison of a free appropriate education for the child. The written notice shall also apply if the local education agency refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or educaitonal placement of the child, or the provision of a free appropriate public education for the child.

The notice shall include a full explanation of all of the procedural safeguards available to the parents, a description of the action proposed or refused by the local education agency, an explanation of why the local education agency proposes or refuses to take the action, and a description of any options the local education agency considered and the reasons why those options were rejected. The notice shall also include a description of each evaluation procedure, test, record, or report the local education agency uses as a basis for the proposal or refusal.

Parental consent shall be obtained before conducting a preplacement evaluation, initial placement of handicapped child.

If parental consent shall be obtained before conducting a preplacement evaluation, initial placement of a handicapped child in a program providing special education and related services, re-evaluation, and any changes in the identificaiton, evaluation or educational placement of a handicapped child.

If considered to be in the interest of the child, the local education agency shall initiate due process to appeal parent refusals for evaluation or provision of special education and related services and shall proceed with evaluations or provide special educaiton and related services without parent consent, subject to the parent's rights for an administrative appeal.

If there are questions concerning the special educaiton program offered by the Appomattox County School Board or the procedural safeguards for handicapped children, contact the Appomattox County School Board Office, telephone 352-8251.

Getting Acquainted

7th and 8th grade students at the Appomattox Middle School are presently involved with their counselors in get acquainted group conferences. Pictured here are from left to right: Carolyn Baldwin, Angie Letterman, Nancy Doss, and Terry Hamlett with the 8th grade counselor Mrs. Bolling C. Carter.

The purpose of get acquainted conferences is to allow students to become acquainted with the counselor and the counseling facilities. Students also receive an orientation to counseling offered at the Appomattox Middle School. It is at this conference that parent newsletters are distributed to students in order to inform parents of counseling services offered to their children.

Mr. Victor Meadows, 7th grade counselor

ACHS Marching Band Elects Officers

The A.C.H.S. Marching Band is kicking off the new year right with a great slate of officers. They are: president, Eddie Agee, Vice President, Luis Garcia, Secretary, Elizabeth Coffey, and Reporter, Allen Smith. The band has participated in one half time show at the first home football game and the pep band traveled to William Campbell last week for the first away game. The band will be selling snow cones and chili beans at the Railroad Festival. Come out and support the band this year. It will be greatly appreciated.

Reporter, Allen Smith

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A -- You are not eligible for a VA guaranteed home loan. However, you may be eligible for one of the FHA loan programs. Check with the agency that administers that program.

Q -- If I give a payment in cash for an overpayment to the veterans' representative on campus, what happens to the cash payment?

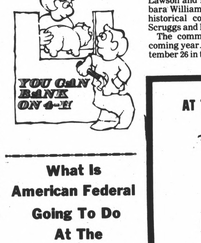
A -- For your own protection, it is advisable that you pay by personal check money order or cashier's check. The vet rep should issue you a temporary receipt and forward the money to the agent cashier at the VA regional office. It will then be deposited in the government fund.

Q -- Are veterans with peacetime service eligible for VA domiciliary care?

A -- Yes.

Q --what is the minimum and maximum VA pension rate for veterans under the current pension laws?

A -- The range is from $5 to $222 per month.



What Is American Federal Going To Do At The Railroad Festival? They Won't Tell !

Upon their resignation, Tommy Terry and Tommy Lawson were presented certificates of appreciation for services rendered as members of the Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission.

Pictured above are Mrs. Barbara Williams, Terry, Lawson and R. B. Carter.

Appomattox Bicentennial Commission Keeping Busy

The Appomattox County Bicentennial Commission met on Tuesday, September 6 at 2 p.m. in the Clerk's Office with Chairman R. B. Carter presiding.

Mr. Carter, chairman, welcomed Tamara Nash and Jeff Miller, SCA presidents of the Appomattox County Middle School and the Appomattox County High School, and explained that each of these will be serving for a one-year term representing their respective schools.

Tommy Lawson and Tommy Terry were recognized by the Commission and presented certificates of appreciation for services rendered as Commission members. At the same time the Appomattox Woman's Club was recognized for outstanding service in the county in the area of bicentennial projects; they were presented a certificate.

Committees appointed for 1978-79 are as follows: Youth and Education - Linda Jo Mays, chairman, Tamara Nash, Jeff Miller, Shirley Walton and Margaret Dudley; community relations: Anne Robinson, chairman, Frances Paulette, Rachel Lawson and Ronald Wilson; commendations and awards: Barbara Williams, chairman, R. B. Carter and Franklin Vaughan; historical committee: Bobby Jamerson, chairman, Charles Scruggs and Hazel Lee Mann.

The committees met briefly and went over plans for the coming year. The commission will hold the next meeting on September 26 in the Appomattox County Clerk's office.

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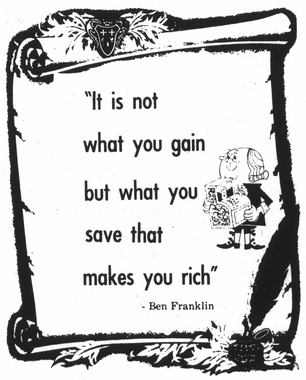

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MRS. RICKEY WILDER COLEMAN
the former Miss Janice Marie Giles

Wed In Afternoon Ceremony

The marriage of Miss Janice Marie Giles to Mr. Ricky Wilder Coleman took place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, September 9, at New Hope Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Taylor Giles, of Appomattox, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie T. Coleman, of Concord.

The Reverend Clarence Davis, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a gown of chiffon over satin, trimmed in lace. The dress had a scalloped neckline, empire waist, and flowed into a long train. The bride also wore a Spanish styled veil with matching lace. She carried a bouquet of white rosebuds and baby's breath.

Miss Anita Hogan, of Lynchburg, was maid of honor. She wore a mint green gown of chiffon accented with capelet sleeves and a bustle. Miss Hogan wore a matching hat and carried a bouquet of multicolored daisies, chrysanthemums and baby's breath.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Buddy Hackett, of Dillwyn, and Mrs. Calvin O'Brien, sisters of the bride; Miss Nancy Hoke, cousin of the bride, both of Appomattox, and Miss Robin Conlin, of Spout Spring. They wore dresses of pastel orange, blue yellow and pink, accordingly, styled identical to that of the honor attendant. They each wore a matching hat and carried similar bouquets.

Mr. Coleman served as his son's best man and ushers were Mr. Gary Coleman, brother of the groom, Mr. F. B. Litchford, Jr., both of Concord, Mr. Dennis K. Totty, of Spout Spring, and Mr. David Inge, of Lynchburg.

Flower girl was Miss Lorie O'Brien, neice of the bride, and ring bearer was Master Bradley O'Brien, nephew of the bride, both of Appomattox.

Organist was Miss Betty Garret and soloist was Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, both of Appomattox.

Miss Debbie Moore, of Appomattox, and Miss Denise Netherland, of Richmond, attended the guest register.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Giles chose a long sleeved blue dress with empire waist, v-neckline and a ruffle at the bottom. She wore a blue carnation corsage. Mrs. Coleman chose an apricot dress with cap sleeves and accordian pleats. She wore an apricot carnation corsage sprayed with baby's breath.

After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Giles entertained with a reception in the church fellowship hall.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and attended C.V.C.C. She is presently employed by First Colony Life Insurance Company of Lynchburg.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Rustburg High School and is employed by Meredith Burda, Inc.

Following a wedding trip to the Pocono Mountains, the couple will reside in Concord.

Shower Honors Miss Moore

A miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Karen Sue Moore was held on Tuesday, August 29, 1978 in the fellowship hall of Hebron Baptist Church, Appomattox, Virginia.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. James Bondurant, Mrs. Chris Gallier, Mrs. Tim Burnett and Miss Cathie Tanner.

Guest included Mrs. Virgle Moore, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. James E. Herndon, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Ralph Reider, mother of the groom to be and Mrs. T. E. Woodson, grandmother of the groom to be; and many other friends and relatives.

Miss Moore received many lovely and useful gifts.

The marriage of Miss Moore to Glenn Allen Doss will be an event of September 22, 1978 at 8 p.m. at Hebron Baptist Church. Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Trinity Methodist Youth Plan Fall Festival

A Fall Festival will be held at the Oakville School on Saturday, September 30, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The festival, sponsored by the Trinity Methodist Youth Fellowship, will feature crafts of all kinds, home-baked goods, hot dogs, drinks and flea market items.

WRECK ISLAND CLUB TO MEET

The Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Wednesday, September 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Marie Carson.

Members are urged to attend.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET MONDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held Monday night, September 18th, in the Chapter Room at 8 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

Virginia T. Ferguson, Sec't

L TO R - Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., Appomattox, Va. State Treasurer, VFGC and Mrs. Francis F. Carr, Richmond, Va., formerly of Appomattox, president, VFGC in a Forest Study at the Garden Club E.E. Workshop School at Nature Camp, Versuvius.

Attend Garden Club Workshop

VESUVIUS, VA. - Where children usually swarm, a different kind of group gathered September 7-10. Nature Camp at Vesuvius, Va., was the location for 25 garden club members from five states to attend South Atlantic Region's environmental education workshop school, a pilot project for the nation.

Areas of Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia can expect to reap benefits.

Each student planned a program to present to any interested group in their home areas. The garden clubers are willing to work with local school classes and to assist teachers in introducing many youngsters to environmental learning experiences. Interested persons may contact the garden club members who participated in the school.

Other parts of the school schedule included component parts of the workshop, field trips, and consideraiton of man's needs and demands.

Malcolm Cockerham, U.S. Forest Service, Harrisonburg, Va., addressed the group and responded to many questions about the RARE II study currently being offered by the Forest Service. He urged participants to express their opinions on future use of RARE II lands before the October 1 deadline.

The 4-day session was conducted by regional team members Mrs. Joe Morris, Ky.; Mrs. W. R. Luebke, NC; Mrs. J. E. Barnette, SC; Mrs. Monroe Thrower, VA; and Mrs. George Patterson, WV, team leader. Mrs. Thrower served as workshop school chairman.

Mrs. Francis F. Carr, VFGC president of Richmond, Va., and Col. John Reeves of V.M.I. Biology Department, welcomed the students and both served on the resident staff. Mrs. Bruce Fraley, Norton, Va. and Mrs. Aaaron Zuckerman, of Winchester, Va., were also staff members.

Nature Camp is owned and operated by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., the first such camp in the nation. Col. Reeves serves as executive director, and more than 350 children attend four 2-week camp sessions here every summer.

Garden club members from all five states returned home inspired and motivated to action for environmental education.

Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. of Appomattox, was one of the participants representing Virginia.

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Marie Fraley, of Madison College, and Bubbie Fraley, of Randolph Macon, Ashland, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraley, Jr. Peggy Ferrell of Narrows, also spent the week end.

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Risa Hartman, Debra Thomas and Andy Hink and Teresa Harris, of Longwood, spent Saturday with Teresa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Woods, their two daughters, Kimberly and Jodi, spent the week end at Virginia Beach.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Powell, Jr. their daughter, Christy and son, Brian, spent the week end at Virginia Beach.

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Mr. F. L. Murphy is spending some time at the Saunders Care Home, 3209 Memorial Avenue in Lynchburg.

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James N. Phelps, Jr. has returned home from McGuire Hospital in Richmond.

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Mrs. Maude Phelps is visiting her children, Mr. and Mrs. Syd W. Smith of Portsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. E. Calvin Phelps of Chesapeake, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Phelps of Virginia Beach.

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Mr. and Mrs. James R. Phelps and son, Jarrid, of Hercules, California have returned home after spending several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Phelps, Jr.

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Mrs. Lloyd Hudson returned home Sunday night after spending several days in Rochester, New York.

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Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Woods spent the week end at Virginia Beach.

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Mrs. Irene Woods spent the week end at Virginia Beach.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stevens had as their house guests Mrs. Katherine Claytor, Mrs. Rachel Dunning, Mr. Richard Claytor, and Miss Lisa Claytor, all of Boston, Mass., while in this historical town they visited many places of interest; also motored to Salem and Roanoke to visit other relatives and friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson were also recent visitors who hailed from Baltimore, Md. While here they visited relatives and friends in the Roanoke Valley.

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Miss Ruth Turner just returned to her home in Jersey City, N.J. after spending her vacation with her aunt, Miss Elizabeth Jordan at Camp Winonah.

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Mrs. Howard M. Ferguson was scheduled to enter Virginia Baptist Hospital Wednesday where she will undergo surgery.

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DAY-AYERS REUNION PLANNED

The Day - Ayers Family Reunion will be held Sunday, September 17 at the Woodmen of the World Building.

Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

YOUNG HEARTS CLUB TO MEET SEPTEMBER 28th

The Young Hearts Club will meet September 28th at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church - note change in time.

The Golden Merry Makers from Lynchburg will entertain at 2 o'clock after which the club will serve home made ice cream and cake.

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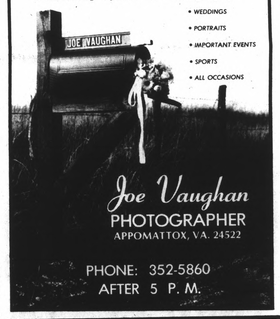

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Merit Achievement Award Recipient

Miss Donna Lynne Gunter, daughter of Paul Mitchell and Pauline K. Gunter, Rt. 3, Appomattox, and a senior at A.C.H.S., has been informed that her biography will be published in the 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Recognition in Who's Who is a national honor reserved exclusively for junior and senior class high school students who have demonstrated leadership or achievement in either academics, athletics, or extra-curricular activities or community service.

On a national basis, less than 5% of the junior and senior class students are featured in Who's Who each year.

Donna is eligible to apply for $40,000 in scholarship grants as well as many other benefits.

Donn's sister, Mrs. Rebecca Gunter Shelton, was also the recipient of this honor for the years 1974-75 and 1975-76.

Marriage Is Announced

The marriage of Louise Patterson, daughter of Mrs. Doris Patterson Stevens and Wayland B. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Ferguson, Jr., all of Appomattox, took place at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 9, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Elliott.

The ceremony was witnessed by parents of the bride and groom and friends of both families.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom were given an entertainment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tibbie Allen, of Concord.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will live in Appomattox.

REUNION PLANNED

There will be a family reunion of Charlie, Jim, Willie, Edgar, Tom, Sam, Janie Page Phelps, Vergie Page Phelps, Rosa Page Harvey September 17, at the American Legion Hall All heirs are invited to bring a picnic lunch.

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MISS DEBORAH ALLEN WEBBER

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Billy A. Webber, of Pamplin, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Allen, to Mr. James David Farmer, Jr., son of Mrs. Gladys Tuck, of Gladys, and Mr. James David Farmer, Sr., of Richmond.

Miss Webber is a 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School and is presently employed at the Pamplin Drive Inn in Pamplin.

Mr. Farmer is a 1976 graduate of William Campbell High School and is now employed by Mr. G. W. Connelly in Gladys, Va.

The wedding will take place on Saturday evening, October 14, 1978, at the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church in Pamplin at 8 p.m.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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